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LEPROSY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The following information was received July 21 from Dr. Mark W. Richardson, secretary of the State board of health of Massachusetts:

A case of leprosy was reported January 17 in the person of a Japanese. The patient came to Boston seven years ago, residing in that city a year and a half. He passed one year in Japan and six months in China and lived at Seattle, Wash., a year and a half. He has lived in Boston for the past three years. His parents were never in America. His home in Japan was about 300 miles from Tokyo. He is by trade a carpenter.

On May 10 a case of leprosy was reported in the person of an Italian woman who landed in New York in September, 1907, went direct to Boston, and has lived there continuously. The patient was removed May 14 to Penikese.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

PLAGUE CASE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Surg. Blue reports July 25 the occurrence of a case of illness, clinically plague, in Contra Costa County, Cal., 1 mile northwest of La Fayette. The case occurred in a child aged 7 years, nativity California. The infection was probably from a squirrel.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 3,021 acres of land in Alameda County and 1,570 acres in Contra Costa County were covered with poison during the week ended June 24, 1911.

During the week ended July 1, 1911, 3,875 acres of land in Alameda County and 1,775 in Contra Costa County were covered with poison in connection with the making of a squirrel-free zone around the cities in California on San Francisco Bay. During the same period 167 acres in Merced County and 95 acres in San Benito County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.